



FY2009 (7/01/08 – 6/30/09) Annual Work Plan Walla Walla County Conservation District

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Mission of the Walla Walla County Conservation District

- *WWCCD is dedicated to the conservation and restoration of the natural resources of Walla Walla County, facilitated by working on a voluntary basis with landowners to identify opportunities and create solutions, while consistently providing education, information, and assistance whenever possible.*

Natural Resource Priorities and Goals:

- *Reduce mortality of ESA listed fish due to irrigation withdrawals by installing 20 fish screens*
- *Improve water quality by installing 200 acres of riparian buffers to protect area waterways, benefit endangered salmonids, and ensure compliance with the Clean Water Act*
- *Conserve water resources to enable continued irrigation while meeting the needs of ESA listed fish species by facilitating the completion of three irrigation efficiency and/or piping projects*
- *Assist landowners in meeting legislative mandates related to natural resources such as installation of water meters*
- *Improve water quality by restoring correct stream function through stream bank stabilization and restoration*
- *Protect water quality by assisting livestock producers in planning and implementing BMPs*

Information – Education Priorities and Goals:

- *Host Mini-Sessions with area producers to inform them of conservation innovations and cost-share assistance*
- *Inform the public of progress on the restoration efforts of local landowners facilitated by WWCCD through the quarterly newsletter, public service announcements, and website*
- *Educate urban landowners about their role in protecting water quality with Creating Urban Riparian Buffers program*

District Operations Priorities, Goals & Funding Sources:

- *Complete effective and efficient operations including accounting, grant vouchering, personnel management, Supervisor elections & appointments, training & development, annual planning and reporting*
- *Diversify District funding by securing funds from non-traditional sources*
- *Determine future role of WWCCD in implementing restoration measures prescribed by multiple planning forums currently underway in the Walla Walla Basin*
- *Funding Sources include: Washington State Conservation Commission, Washington State Department of Ecology, Recreation and Conservation office, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bonneville Power Authority, and the National Park Service*

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Program Area: Cooperative Compliance Fish Screen Program

Goal(s): Install screens on 20 diversions in Walla Walla County

Funding Source(s): Salmon Recovery Board, FRIMA

| Activities for FY2008 | Target Dates | Persons Responsible | Time(Days) Required | Estimated Funding |
|---|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Design and install 20 screens, including a large scale project in cooperation with several agency partners. | June 2009 | Greg Kinsinger Technician | 115 60 | 320,400 |

Program Area: Cooperative Complinance Flow Meter Program

Goal(s): Assist landowners in efficient use of their water and in meeting legislative mandates related to natural resource conservation

Funding Source(s): Washington State Department of Ecology

| Activities for FY2008 | Target Dates | Persons Responsible | Time(Days) Required | Estimated Funding |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Design and install 50 water meters | June 2009 | Greg Kinsinger Technician | 110 50 | 100,000 |

Program Area: Irrigation Efficiency Program

Goal(s): Increase flows to area waterways though installation of efficient irrigation systems.

Funding Source(s): Washington Conservation Commission, Department of Ecology

| Activities for 2008 | Target Dates | Persons Responsible | Time(Days) Required | Estimated Funding |
|--|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Complete scope of work, design, and installation of two piping projects each incorporating three Irrigation Efficiency Projects. | Fall 2008 | Rick Jones Kay Mead | 165 200 | 2,400,000.00 |
| Develop scope of work and designs for an additional Irrigation Efficiency/Piping project. | Spring 2009 | Rick Jones Kay Mead | 50 25 | 260,500 |

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Program Area: *Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program*

Goal(s): *Assist landowners to install 200 acres riparian buffers while maintaining existing buffers*

Funding Source(s): *Washington Conservation Commission*

| Activities for FY2008 | Target Dates | Persons Responsible | Time(Days) Required | Estimated Funding |
|---|--------------|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| Install 325 acres and maintain current enrollment of 3,100 acres. | June 2009 | Mike Denny Jeff Klundt Larry Hooker | 180 225 20 | 420,000 |
| Seek additional funding sources for riparian buffer installation | On-going | Mike Denny | 10 | 2,000 |

Program Area: *Sub-Basin Planning*

Goal(s): *Represent the interests of Walla Walla county landowners and the philosophy of the WWCCD in regional planning.*

Funding Source(s): *Washington Conservation Commission Basic Funding, WDFW Lead Entity*

| Activities for FY2008 | Target Dates | Person Responsible | Time(Days) Required | Estimated Funding |
|---|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Establish a WWCCD presence at each interagency forum, ensure methodologies are appropriate for their proposed use, foster working relationships with other agencies | On-going | Rick Jones Larry Hooker | 7 45 | 11,000 |

Program Area: *Creating Urban Riparian Buffers*

Goal(s): *Assist urban landowners in protecting water quality to benefit endangered salmonids*

Funding Source(s): *Washington Department of Ecology, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation*

| Activities for FY2008 | Target Dates | Person Responsible | Time(Days) Required | Estimated Funding |
|---|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Develop plans and assist landowners in protecting water quality from lawn chemical runoff and other contaminants by installing native plant buffers between high use areas and waterways. | On-going | Alison Bower | 130 | 55,000 |

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Program Area: High Priority restoration projects

Goal(s): Implement high priority restoration projects in the Walla Walla basin.

Funding Source(s): Washington Conservation Commission, National Park Service, Recreation and Conservation Office,

| Activities for FY2008 | Target Dates | Person Responsible | Time(Days) Required | Estimated Funding |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Doan Creek: Design extended stream channel and complete riparian restoration of existing new channel, extend to neighboring landowners including Walla Walla University with the goal of reconstructing over 400 riparian acres in cooperation with WDFW, NPS, private landowners and Walla Walla University.</i> | <i>On-going to 2010</i> | <i>Mike Denny</i> | <i>25</i> | <i>17,000</i> |
| <i>In cooperation with Washington Department of Transportation, the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, WDFW and DOE, develop plans to mitigate for impacts of highway construction by preserving and enhancing area wetlands.</i> | <i>On-going</i> | <i>Mike Denny Rick Jones</i> | <i>5 5</i> | <i>2,500</i> |
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Program Area: Livestock

Goal(s): Assist livestock owners in protecting water quality

Funding Source(s): Washington Conservation Commission

| Activities for FY2008 | Target Dates | Person Responsible | Time(Days) Required | Estimated Funding |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Develop plans and assist landowners in protecting water quality from livestock impacts</i> | <i>On-going</i> | <i>Larry Hooker</i> | <i>20</i> | <i>6,000</i> |

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Program Area: *Information – Education*

Goal(s): *Inform the public of progress on the restoration efforts of local landowners*

Funding Source(s): *Washington Conservation Commission,*

| Activities for FY2008 | Target Dates | Persons Responsible | Time(Days) Required | Estimated Funding |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Host Mini-Sessions with area producers to inform them of conservation innovations and cost-share assistance | On-going | Larry Hooker | 20 | 4,000 |
| Inform the public of WWCCD mission through quarterly newsletter, website, fair presence and public service announcements | On-going | Rick Jones Audrey Ahmann | 5 10 | 5,000 |
| Establish a leadership role with the Walla Walla Downtown Foundation to promote conservation education, tours, and seminars at the Fall Festival | On-going | Mike Denny | 5 | 1,000 |
| Host homeowner, community, and business' workshop and tour of CURB urban buffers and installed BMPs in urban backyards. | On-going | Alison Bower | 30 | 6,500 |

Program Area: *District Organization*

Goal(s): *Complete effective and efficient operations*

Funding Source(s): *Washington Conservation Commission*

| Activities for FY2008 | Target Dates | Person Responsible | Time(Days) Required | Estimated Funding |
|--|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Conduct regular board meetings, supervisor elections, and annual meeting. | June 2009 | M. Daltoso | 90 | 20,000 |
| Meet all statutory requirements of RCW 89.08: conducting regular audits, fiscal management, commission reporting, and grant management | June 2009 | M. Daltoso A. Ahmann | 45 215 | 60,000 |

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Native plant in urban buffer, CURB program

| Walla Walla County Conservation District FY 2009 OPERATING BUDGET | | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Revenues</u> | | |
| Description | 2009 Anticipated Revenues | |
| State | \$ | 3,171,000.00 |
| Federal | \$ | 586,200.00 |
| Local | \$ | 30,000.00 |
| Total: | \$ | 3,787,200.00 |
| <u>Expenses and Other Uses</u> | | |
| Description | 2009 Estimated Expenses | |
| Wages and Benefits 6 Full Time, 6 Part Time employees | \$ | 421,830.00 |
| General Office Expenses | \$ | 25,000.00 |
| Education | \$ | 2,500.00 |
| CREP | \$ | 325,000.00 |
| Irrigation Efficiency | \$ | 2,633,000.00 |
| Screen Program | \$ | 291,700.00 |
| Meter Program | \$ | 50,000.00 |
| Priority Projects | \$ | 37,000.00 |
| Total: | \$ | 3,786,030.00 |

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